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## All Wheat Production Down Slightly

Idaho's 2003 all wheat production decreased slightly to 87.3 million bushels, down less than 1 percent from last year's 87.7 million bushels.

Winter wheat yield, at 80.0 bushels per acre, is up 1.0 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production totaled 57.6 million bushels from 720,000 harvested acres, up 6 percent from last year's 54.5 million bushels. The 2003 winter wheat production is estimated to be 83 percent white and 17 percent red.

Spring wheat yield, at 66.0 bushels per acre, is up 1.0 bushel from a year ago. Idaho's spring wheat production totaled 29.7 million bushels from 450,000 harvested acres, down 10 percent from last year's 33.2 million bushels. The spring wheat crop is estimated to be 46 percent white and 54 percent hard red.

Barley yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 10.0 bushel per acre from last year's yield. Barley production totaled 47.5 million bushels from 720,000 harvested acres, down 12 percent from 2002's production of 54.0 million bushels.

Oat yield, at 65.0 bushels per acre, is down 5.0 bushels from 2002. Oat production totaled 1.63 million bushels from 25,000 harvested acres. This production is 7 percent lower than 2002's 1.75 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat production for 2003 totaled 2.34 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the last forecast and 44 percent above 2002. Winter wheat production is estimated at 1.71 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast but 49 percent above 2002. The average yield is 46.7 bushels per acre, 8.2 bushels above last year's final yield. Harvested acreage for grain, at 36.5 million acres, is 23 percent above last year. Other spring wheat production totaled 533 million bushels, up 8 percent from the August forecast and 35 percent more than 2002. Barley production is estimated at 276 million bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up 22 percent from last year. Acreage harvested for grain totaled 4.69 million acres, down 4 percent from August, but 14 percent above a year ago. Oat production is estimated at 145 million bushels, 4 percent below the August forecast, but 22 percent above last year's 119 million bushels.

## Small Grains: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho and U.S. 2002-2003

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
<b>IDAHO</b>						
Winter Wheat	690	720	79.0	80.0	54,510	57,600
Spring Wheat	510	450	65.0	66.0	33,150	29,700
Barley	710	720	76.0	66.0	53,960	47,520
Oats	25	25	70.0	65.0	1,750	1,625
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Winter Wheat	29,751	36,541	38.5	46.7	1,145,602	1,707,069
Spring Wheat	13,463	13,429	29.3	39.7	393,949	532,820
Barley	4,129	4,688	54.9	58.9	226,573	276,087
Oats	2,093	2,224	56.7	65.0	118,628	144,649

## Idaho Dry Bean Production Decreases From Last Year

Idaho dry bean production is forecast to be 1.60 million cwt, down 16 percent from last year's production of 1.91 million cwt. Yields are expected to average 2,050 pounds per acre, unchanged from a year ago and from the August 1 forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 78,000 acres, down 16 percent from last year's 93,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast to be 4.80 million tons, down 4 percent from last years record high of 5.00 million tons. Harvested acreage, at 1.20 million acres, is also down 4 percent from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 540,000 tons from 300,000 harvested acres, down from the 608,000 tons from 320,000 acres in 2002. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2003 is forecast to be 5.71 million tons, up 12 percent from the 5.10 million tons a year

ago. Yield of 27.6 tons per acre is up from last year's 24.3 tons per acre. Harvested area of 207,000 acres is down from the 210,000 acres harvested in 2002.

Nationally, the 2003 crop for dry beans is forecast at 23.6 million cwt, down 21 percent from a year ago. Harvested area is estimated at 1.42 million acres, 18 percent less than last year. The average yield of 1,665 pounds per acre is 71 pounds below last year. Production of alfalfa hay is expected to total 78.5 million tons, up 6 percent from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 82.2 million tons, 7 percent above last year's production. U.S. sugarbeet production is forecast at 29.9 million tons, 8 percent above the 27.7 million tons produced last year. Harvested area is expected total 1.35 million acres, 1 percent less than last year.

**Dry Bean Production  
Top 10 States**

	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota	8,664
Nebraska	2,940
Michigan	2,850
Minnesota	2,080
Idaho	1,599
California	1,480
Colorado	825
Wyoming	720
Washington	442
New York	441

**Alfalfa Hay Production  
Top 10 States**

	1,000 Tons
California	7,630
Iowa	5,520
South Dakota	5,200
Nebraska	5,003
Idaho	4,800
Minnesota	4,205
Wisconsin	3,680
Kansas	3,610
Montana	3,465
Colorado	3,000

**Sugarbeet Production  
Top 10 States**

	1,000 Tons
Minnesota	9,254
North Dakota	5,838
Idaho	5,713
Michigan	3,150
California	1,850
Montana	1,305
Nebraska	898
Wyoming	731
Colorado	646
Oregon	278

## September 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's September 1, 2003 stocks of wheat stored in all positions totaled 63.6 million bushels, down 4 percent from the 66.5 million bushels stored in all positions last year. On-farm storage was estimated at 28.0 million bushels, down 15 percent from September 1, 2002. Off-farm storage, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 35.6 million bushels, up 6 percent from the 33.5 million bushels stored off-farm last year. Idaho's Barley stocks in all positions totaled 39.8 million bushels, down 1 percent from September 1, 2002. On-farm storage was estimated at 21.0 million bushels, down 12 percent from 2002. Off-farm storage was estimated at 18.8 million bushels, up 15 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, was estimated at 2.04 billion bushels, up 16 percent from September 1, 2002. On-farm stocks were 690 million bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 1.35 billion

bushels, up 15 percent from last year. Barley stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, was estimated at 239 million bushels, 7 percent above last year's 224 million bushels. Of the total barley stocks on hand, 140 million bushels were stored on farms, 6 percent above September 1, 2002. Off-farm stocks, at 99.1 million bushels, were up 7 percent from last year.

Oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 132 million bushels, 18 percent above September 1, 2002. Of the total oat stocks on hand, 82.1 million bushels were stored on farms, 16 percent more than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 49.4 million bushels, 20 percent more than last year. Corn stored in all positions on September 1, 2003, totaled 1.09 billion bushels, down 32 percent from September 1, 2002. Of the total stocks, 485 million bushels were stored on farms, 17 percent less than last year. Off-farm stocks, at 601 million bushels, are down 40 percent from last year.

## Mid-September Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of September showed increases for alfalfa hay, dry beans, potatoes, beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers, and all milk. Price declines were recorded for all barley, feed barley, malting barley, and all wheat. Prices remained unchanged for calves.

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in September was 109 based on 1990-1992=100, unchanged from the August index. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, dairy, and broccoli more than offset lower prices for tomatoes, eggs, potatoes, and grapes.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Sept 2002-Sept 2003

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		September 2002	August 2003	September 2003 <sup>1/</sup>	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	98.00	87.00	90.00	101.00	91.00	89.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.97	3.19	3.14	2.64	2.91	2.65	40
Feed	Bu.	2.40	2.28	2.25	2.23	2.40	2.23	--
Malting	Bu.	3.05	3.31	3.30	2.95	3.13	2.85	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	20.40	18.20	18.90	17.90	17.60	17.20	34
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	5.40	4.80	4.90	6.14	6.22	5.28	38
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	7.40	5.00	--	10.80	9.22	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.70	4.70	--	4.88	4.89	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.06	3.28	3.24	4.21	3.34	3.29	34
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	58.70	73.60	77.80	64.50	79.90	84.00	52
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	33.80	41.60	46.10	34.90	44.60	46.00	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	65.70	80.60	86.80	67.80	83.50	88.20	--
Calves	Cwt.	84.00	105.00	105.00	92.40	107.00	106.00	49
Lambs	Cwt.	72.00	82.00	--	76.30	87.60	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	10.90	12.70	13.00	11.60	13.20	7/14.00	8/39
Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>	Cwt.	10.90	12.70	--	11.60	13.20	7/14.00	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	10.40	14.00	--	10.40	13.20	7/13.70	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.61 fluid milk 3.61 mfg grade 3.72. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	August 2002	September 2002	August 2003		September 2003 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	100	98	108	109	109
Prices Paid	124	125	127	127	128
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	81	78	85	86	85

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

## Idaho Onion Production

Onion production in Idaho is expected to be 5.2 million cwt, a 3 percent increase from 2002's production of 5.1 million cwt. The yield for Idaho is forecast to be 630 cwt, down 10 cwt. from last year. Onion bulb size and yields have been reduced this season by record hot temperatures this summer, but onion quality was reported to be good. As of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 90 percent of the state's onions have been harvested, ahead of normal.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 34.5 million cwt, slightly below last year's production of 34.6 million cwt. This production total does not include California, where summer storage onions are mostly for processing. California farmers expect to produce 14.0 million cwt of summer onions. This is a 14 percent increase from last year. Production in Oregon is forecast at 9.4 million cwt, down 12 percent from 2002. Washington production, at 9.4 million cwt, is up 5 percent from 2002.

## U.S. Dairy Products August 2003 Highlights

**Total cheese output** (excluding cottage cheese) was 708 million pounds, 0.8 percent below August 2002 and 1.2 percent below July 2003.

**American type cheese** production totaled 302 million pounds, 2.4 percent below August 2002 and 1.5 percent below July 2003.

**Butter** production was 70.2 million pounds in August, 21.1 percent below August 2002 and 11.8 percent below July 2003.

**Frozen dessert:** (comparisons with August 2002)

Ice Cream

Regular (hard)—75.6 million gallons, down 3.0 percent.

Lowfat (total)— 38.5 million gallons, up 13.2 percent.

Nonfat (hard)—1.53 million gallons, unchanged.

Sherbet (hard)— 4.70 million gallons, up 1.6 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total)— 5.64 million gallons, down 14.8 percent.

**Nonfat dry milk for human food:** (compared with August 2002) — 100 million pounds, down 14.9 percent.

## U.S. Hog Inventory Down 2 Percent

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2003 was 59.6 million head. This was 2 percent below September 1, 2002, but 2 percent above June 1, 2003.

**The June-August 2003 U.S. pig crop** at 25.2 million head, was 2 percent less than both 2002 and 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.90 pigs saved per litter for the June-August 2003 period, equivalent to last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for

operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**U.S. hog producers** intend to have 2.80 million sows farrow during the September-November 2003 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002, and 3 percent below 2001. Intended farrowings for December 2003-February 2004, at 2.77 million sows, are 2 percent below the same period in 2002, but 1 percent above 2001.